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Listing of the Claims

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No claim amendments have been made as part of this response.

1. (previously presented) A method for operating a video processing apparatus, said video operating apparatus being capable of operating in a video-operating mode, and in at least one other mode, said video processing apparatus having an electronic program guide operable in said video operating mode, said method comprising the steps of:

operating said video processing apparatus in said at least one other mode, comprising operating a computer application software program on said video processing apparatus, said computer application software program capable of receiving electronic messages;

receiving, while said computer application software program is running, an advertisement associated with a broadcast television program;

causing said advertisement to be displayed by said computer application software program;

receiving a signal selecting said advertisement; and

operating said video processing apparatus in said video operating mode for obtaining the broadcast television program in response to selecting said advertisement.

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2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said computer application software program is one of a productivity and communication application software program.

3. (original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said advertisement comprises control information associated therewith, said control information comprising at least one of (1) time and channel selection data and (2) recording data.

4. (original) The method of Claim 3 wherein said control information comprises program data, and wherein time and channel data is determined using an electronic program guide in response to said program data.

5. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of operating said video processing apparatus in said video operating mode comprises controlling a video recording device, interconnected thereto, to record a program associated with said advertisement.

6. (previously presented) A method for operating a video processing apparatus comprising the steps of:

operating a computer application software program on said video processing apparatus, said computer application software program being one of an electronic mail message program, an instant messaging program, a web browser and a productivity application software program;

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receiving, while said computer application software program is running, an advertisement associated with a broadcast television program;

causing said advertisement to be displayed by said computer application software program;

receiving a signal selecting said advertisement; and

operating said video processing apparatus in a video operating mode in response to selecting said advertisement.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising, after said step of receiving a signal and before said step of operating said video processing apparatus in a video operating mode, providing a plurality of choices, and receiving a signal selecting one of said choices.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said computer application software program is an electronic messaging program.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said productivity application software program is one of a word processing program and a spreadsheet program.

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10. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said step of operating said video processing apparatus in a video operating mode comprises at least one of: immediately tuning a receiver to a channel that the broadcast television program is on, setting a receiver to tune to a channel that the broadcast television program is on when the broadcast television program starts, and setting up recording of the broadcast television program in the future.